

**Upcoming Gospel Meetings
and Area Wide Sings**

**Winter Training SERIES every
Thursday night at 7pm in January!*

**Monday Night Merge Youth Event
starts Feb 5-March 12 @ 7:00pm*

****Please look at the back bulletin
for more events and details.**



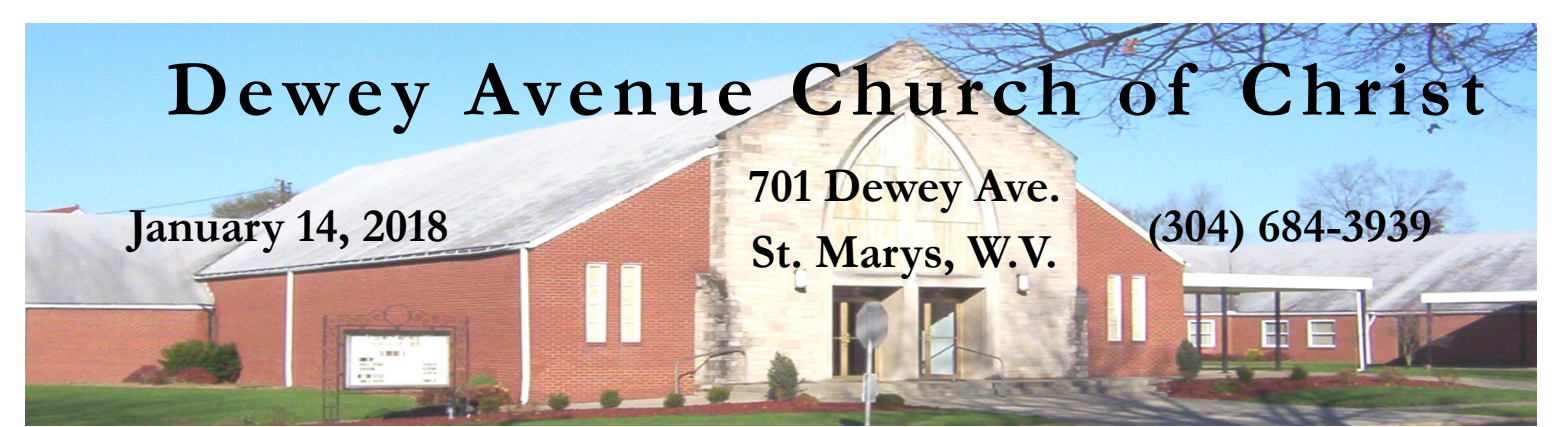
****Just a Reminder****

*Remember, if you have a
key.....lock up when you leave.*

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*Any updates or information for the bulletin please
contact Terri Parks @ 304-684-1141, email at
terrinalrod@hotmail.com or drop off in box by office
door.

***** If anyone has a topic you would
like for Dale to present a lesson on,
you can write it down and please sign
your name, in case Dale has any ques-
tions and place it in the box on the ta-
ble in the back of the auditorium.**



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Consumer Driven “Christians”

By Joe Chesser

According to Carey Nieuwhof’s article, Why Attending Church No Longer Makes Sense, fewer peo-
ple are attending church every year. Many of them are asking, “Why bother?” After all, 1000s of
churches are streaming their services live online. If not live, then you can watch or listen to a podcast
anytime, any day. We now live in a culture that’s drowning in options and has 24/7 access to anything
Christian. And it’s all free. So, why attend church? It is a universal truth that fewer people are attend-
ing church.

Even with high energy music, charismatic preachers, and/or casual coffeehouse-like ambience, con-
sumer driven “Christians” increasingly demand something bigger and better. If not, they will go look-
ing elsewhere, or stay home and get their church fix via the internet. Consumer driven “Christians”
will find something to please them.

It’s tragic how accurate Paul’s prediction was. He warned Timothy to preach the truth of God con-
sistently, or else people will leave the truth of God behind to diligently seek whatever they want to
hear instead (2 Tim. 4.2-4). Consumer driven “Christians” will give up commitment to God and His
word, and replace it with commitment to whatever they choose. When they tire of one thing, they will
look for something else. It’s all about self. And since assembling to worship God is so inconvenient
and unfulfilling, they’ll search for something that’s easier and more pleasing. Church assemblies get in
the way of life.

And so, fewer people are attending church ... and we are all affected by it. As fewer people are pre-
sent in church assemblies to be taught and encouraged, individuals grow weaker (Prov. 19.27). As they
grow weaker, their families and churches grow weaker. As these grow weaker, communities and na-
tions grow weaker. All because consumer driven “Christians” would rather do things their way than
God’s way.

It should be noted that it was to weak Christians that the book of Hebrews was written. Many of the
original readers were still needing milk instead of meat (Heb. 5.12-14). A part of the reason for their
weakness was due to the habit of missing church assemblies (Heb. 10.25). Thus, the Holy Spirit in-
spired the writer to encourage them: “let us draw near to God ... let us hold unwaveringly to the hope
we profess ... let us spur one another on to love and good deeds ... let us NOT give up meeting togeth-
er” (Heb. 10.22-25).

Consumer driven “Christians” think mostly of what pleases themselves. Committed Christians die to
themselves and follow Jesus (Lk. 9.23). It’s vital to do what God wants, not what we want. As Chris-
tians, we are “to make it our goal to please him” (2 Cor. 5.9)

Upcoming Events



WINTER TRAINING SERIES!! Each Thursday in January (4th-25th) at 7pm.

We are in need of volunteers for the 5th grade and under class each night. *We are in need of cookies!

January 14, following evening services, there will be a Elder & Deacons meeting.

January 20 at 3:30p.m. there will be a Secret Sister Reveal Meeting held at The Pizza Station for all of those who participated. Anyone that would like to participate in the 2018 Secret Sister are also welcome to come. For anyone wanting to participate in the Secret Sister in 2018, the sign up sheets are in the back and are to be filled out and must be returned to Paige Cook or Rhonda Perkins on or before January 20th.

Ladies Quilting will resume **March 6th @9:00pm.**

Congratulations

TO Camaron Lancaster who completed his MASTERS Degree with a 4.0!!

The Church is offering valet parking to anyone struggling with the commute from the parking lot to the building. If you need help, please let one of our elders or deacons know.

MEMORY VERSE

Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.



~Proverbs 16:3



*Continue to keep Marie Newland, Barbara Eddy, and Pat Bills' mother Betty in your prayers.

*Ed Wilson had his knee surgery and was expected to come home Thursday.

***Many sick with the colds and flus please keep them in prayer.**

Remember those on our prayer list

Jonas Judge, Eli Clark, Mark Barnhart, Joe Grimes, Faye Williams, Evelyn Hall, Marie Newland, Charlotte Wilson, Colleen Kiester, Gene West, Dick Hall, Bill Dutton, Cindy Wilson, Geraldine Stewart, Barbara Eddy, Pat & Bill Duer, Jessie Williamson, Gail Mote, Terry Hubner, Madeline McFadden.

Remember those who are shut-in, receiving cancer treatments, traveling, government leaders, & military.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting: 6:00 p.m.
Worship: 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00

January 14th

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Dave Parks
Song Leader: Craig Dutton
Ushers: Joe Wilson, Ethan Davis
Communion: Dave Lancaster, Lew Wilson, Richard Lee Davis, Caleb Parsley, Elmer Burns, Connor Lancaster
Reading and Prayer: Connor Lancaster
Closing Prayer: Melvin Truax

Evening Worship:

Communion: Joe Elrod
Prayer: Brian Mercer
Closing Prayer: Dave Lancaster

Wednesday:

Song Leader: Craig Dutton
Prayer: Hal Powell
Closing Prayer: Tom Becker

January 21th

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Buzz Williams
Song Leader: Clint Perkins
Ushers: Rodney Ramsey, Richard Lee Davis
Communion: Dave Parks, Brian Mercer, Bill Dutton, Jason Cuzzen, Clay Perkins, Camaron Lancaster
Reading and Prayer: Camaron Lancaster
Closing Prayer: Thomas Kessinger

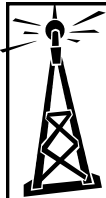
Evening Worship:

Communion: Connor Lancaster
Prayer: Larry Butcher
Closing Prayer: Hal Powell

Wednesday:

Song Leader: Darren Parks
Prayer: Scott Judge
Closing Prayer: Melvin Truax

Radio and TV Programs



Good News of Peace: Sundays: 8:00 AM on WRRR 93.9 FM

Gospel Broadcasting Network: Dish Network Channel: 9407 (noon); Direct TV Channel: 376 (7:30 AM)

In Search of the Lord's Way: 7:30—Channel 4, Parkersburg; 7:30—Channel 15, Parkersburg; 8:00—Channel 7, Wheeling; 11:30—Channel 5, Clarksburg

